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LOS ANGELES, CA

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL POTENTIAL OFFERORS

11 Aug 2000

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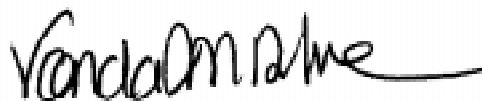
SUBJECT: Executive Summary for Global Positioning System (GPS) III Architecture Studies, Final Request for Proposal (RFP), F04701-00-R-8031

1. The Air Force invites all interested offerors to submit a proposal on the solicitation requirements of the GPS III Architecture Studies Program. The primary objective of the GPS III Architecture Studies is to assess system wide architectural alternatives that will satisfy the currently defined but evolving military and civil needs for a space based navigating, timing and nuclear detonation detection system through 2030, and reduce total ownership cost. Contractors will be asked to identify, evaluate, and propose innovative and flexible solutions to satisfy GPS program objectives.
2. This is a competitive source selection that will be conducted in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.3 and Air Force FAR Supplement (AFFARS) 5315.3. The Government intends to select up to two offerors for contract award. The Government may award without discussions (other than discussions conducted for the purpose of minor clarification), subject to laws and regulations. Therefore, your initial proposal should represent your best approach for this effort. In the event we award without discussions, minor changes to the model contract (A-K) provided as part of the RFP will be made, (i.e. Section G Accounting Data, Section J, dates and page numbers of attachments and applicable Section I Clauses (i.e.- those that apply to small versus. large businesses).
3. Federal Acquisition Regulations Subpart 9.5 prescribes responsibilities, general rules and procedures for identifying, evaluating and resolving organizational conflicts of interest (OCI). The policies governing OCI are designed to prevent the existence of conflicting roles, which may bias a contractor's judgement, and prevent an unfair competitive advantage. In order to mitigate potential OCI issues, the GPS JPO requires that contractors who have employees that work with or provide assistance to the GPS JPO have an approved Organization Conflict of Interest Mitigation Plan on file. **Prime Contractors are cautioned to ensure all organizational conflict of interest risk issues are properly addressed in approved mitigation plans and submitted with their proposals (i.e. Use of GPS SETA Contractors or Independent Review Team (IRT) Members). The list of GPS SETA contractors and IRT members can be found on the GPS III Website (see para 5 for website address).** The Contracting Officer may be contacting you regarding your OCI Mitigation Plans submitted on 8 August 2000 to resolve any OCI issues prior to submission of proposals.
4. It has been determined that a contractor under Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) may not be awarded a prime contract for the GPS III Architecture Studies. Foreign teaming, licensing, or subcontracting are allowed; however, the participating companies must clearly demonstrate in their proposal how they intend to prevent disclosure of classified or export controlled information (reference DD 254) to their foreign team members.

5. The Bidder's Library contains documents that may be necessary in preparation of proposals and/or in performance of the studies. Please review the list of documents available in the Bidder's Library and identify any information that you think you may need that does not appear on the list. The GPS III Bidder's Library may be accessed at the following GPS III Website. <http://gps.losangeles.af.mil/gpsIII/index.htm>.
6. An Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors. The purpose of the Ombudsman is to receive and communicate concerns from potential offerors when an offeror prefers not to use established channels to communicate his/her concern during the proposal development phase of this acquisition. The Ombudsman will communicate certain offeror issues, disagreements, and recommendations on this acquisition into the proper channels. The Ombudsman's role is not to diminish the authority of the program director or the contracting officer, but to advocate an offeror's concern on a non-attribution basis. The Ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern when requested by the offeror. The Ombudsman will not participate in the evaluation of proposals or the source selection decision process for this acquisition. The Ombudsman is Ms. William Orzech, Director of Contracting, phone number, 310-363-0588.
7. Proposals are due on 11 September 2000 no later than 1600 hours PST to:

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8. Thank you for your interest in the GPS III Program, Phase I- Architecture Studies. The entire GPS III team would like to thank you for your dedicated involvement in the pre-solicitation phase. This process has been invaluable. Any questions concerning this procurement should be submitted in writing or via email to the Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO), Ms Vonda Drake at the above address or following email address Vonda.Drake@losangeles.af.mil. If submitting them via email please copy Tanya Schoon at Tanya.Schoon@losangeles.af.mil in the event I am out of the office.



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7 Attachments:

1. Potential Offerors/Source List
2. Statement of Objectives
3. Model Contract
4. Section L
5. Section M
5. CDRLS
7. DD 254